



Southern Nevada District Office

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BLM Seeks Public Input on Land Use in Southern Nevada

Bureau to prepare supplemental land management plan

Las Vegas – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southern Nevada District Office is seeking public input on specific land use and management issues in southern Nevada, including solar development, socioeconomics and lands with wilderness characteristics.

A notice published in the *Federal Register* today, announced the BLM's intent to prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument. Publication of the notice initiated a 90-day public scoping period that ends on [INSERT DATE].

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process for the supplemental RMP and EIS. During public scoping, interested members of the public are encouraged to provide input that will be used to identify issues specific to the supplement. Examples of these issues include solar energy zones, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and potential federal land disposals within the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices.

The BLM also is asking for public input regarding land management planning issues specific to Gold Butte National Monument, which was recently designated by Presidential Proclamation on December 28, 2016. Please note that the most useful comments are those that identify issues relevant to the supplemental RMP and EIS or contain new technical or scientific information.

Written input and comments will be accepted for until [INSERT DATE].

Written input and comments related to preparation of a supplement to the Draft RMP and associated Draft EIS for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument will be accepted for until [INSERT DATE]. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Website: <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>
- Email: sndo_rmp_revision@blm.gov
- Fax: 702-515-5023
- Mail: BLM-RMP Revision, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot

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guarantee that we will be able to do so. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Documents pertinent to the preparation of the Draft RMP and associated Draft EIS for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument are available in the Southern Nevada District Office at the above address or on the following website:
<http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>.

For further information concerning this scoping period please contact the BLM-Nevada Southern Nevada District Office at (XXX)XXX-XXXX. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above office during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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